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NOTE FOR: Mr. Constantine Menges, NSC Staff
FROM : Herbert E. Meyer, Vice Chairman/NIC

Best we could do on short notice.

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GRENADIAN DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION

OFF-ISLAND

Since the overthrow of Sir Eric Gairy's government, some 20,000 to 25,000 Grenadians have gone into exile (legally and illegally). Most are located in Trinidad, but there are also large concentrations in London, New York and Washington, D. C. The most prominent exile opposition movement is the Grenada Democratic Movement (GDM).

Grenada Democratic Movement -- basically center-left in political orientation, wants new democratic government installed, not supporters of Sir Eric Gairy.

Acting Chairman -- Reynault Benjamin (lawyer in Trinidad and legal assistant to the Trinidad Land Tenants Association. This serves the needs of many Grenadian exiles living in Trinidad.)

Other Leading Members:

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Francis Alexis, Professor at the University of West Indies (Cave Hill Campus, Barbados)

FNU Scoon, doctor and son of Paul Scoon, the current Governor General of Grenada

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Herbert Blaize, also a member of the Grenadian Nationalist Party -- another opposition group headquartered in Trinidad.

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ON-ISLAND

There is no known organized on-island opposition to the current government. Many private businessmen (including the Chamber of Commerce which is the spokesman for some 200 businesses), trade union leaders, and some elements of the Catholic Church have expressed discontent with the New Jewel Movement regime, but they have been powerless to move against Bishop. Most notable in their opposition to Bishop have been:

Lloyd Noel -- former Attorney General and editor of the quickly-banned "Grenada Voice." He now is incarcerated. Noel's mistress, Ms. Denise Campbell is also active in exile circles, but not an official member of the GDM. She is an attorney, resident in Trinidad.

Winston White -- a charismatic figure now in jail who has served as a focal point for the GDM.

Eric Pierre -- Secretary General of the Independent Seaman's and Waterfront Workers Union (SWWU) which may number as many as 3,000 members. The SWUU has consistently been in the forefront of labor opposition to the regime.

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